Church History: The Modern Church (1500-Present) The Eighteenth Century (1700-1799)

The Eighteenth Century: The Age of Reason (Rationalism)

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o It's Seedbed: The Renaissance

o It's Soil: The Reformation

o It's Deepest Roots: Religious Warfare

o It's Widest Roots: The Scientific Revolution



2. The Reign of Rationalism: It's Shoots

 Revelation Rejected: Truth Must Be Discovered

 Supernaturalism Rejected: Truth Must Be Demonstrated

o Truth Rejected: Truth Must Be Determined

3. The Reaction to Rationalism: It's Fruits

o A Religious Reaction: Liberalism

• God Reinvented: Deism

• Christ Reinvented: Unitarianism

• **Scripture** Reinvented: *Higher Criticism*



- o A **Spiritual** Reaction: *Revival*
 - The **Rise** of Revival: *Pietism*

• The **Spread** of Revival: The First and Second Great Awakenings

- o A Political Reaction: Revolution
 - Freedom for Religion: The American Revolution

• Freedom from Religion: The French Revolution



The Eighteenth Century: A Timeline

1701	Yale Founded to Combat Liberalism
1707	J.S. Bach Publishes First Work
1707	Isaac Watts Publishes Hymns and Spirituals Songs
1729	Jonathan Edwards Becomes Pastor at Northampton
1732	First Moravian Missionaries
1735	George Whitefield Converted
1738	John and Charles Wesley Converted
1740	Great Awakening Peaks
1742	Handel's Messiah Produced
1759	Voltaire's Candide Published
1773	Jesuits Suppressed (Until 1814)
1775	American Revolutionary War Begins
1776	American Declaration of Independence on July 4
1779	John Newton and William Cowper Publish Olney Hymns
1780	Robert Raikes Begins Sunday School
1781	Immanuel Kant Publishes Critique of Pure Reason
1783	American Revolutionary War Ends with Treaty of Paris on September 3
1789	French Revolution Begins
1789	Bill of Rights
1793	William Carey Sails for India
1799	Schleiermacher Publishes Lectures on Religion